

WRTAC Minutes
January 13th, 2012
Saint Patrick Hospital

Called to order at 1150 by Dr. Raiser

Introductions made

Previous minutes approved

SQI Presentations:

Joy Fortin from KRMC presented one case involving multiple patients, not all of whom were seen by a trauma MD – discussion on need for trauma MD to see all activated patients, with policy discussion to take place at Trauma Committee.

John Bleicher from St. Pats presented six cases – the first was a complicated stab wound to the chest – the second was a prolonged case with blunt chest and abdominal trauma and eventual development of a caval thrombosis – the third was a critically injured blunt trauma patient who was transferred to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle with a discussion of the roles of ABGs, intubation and pelvic embolization – the fourth involved the decision tree when a seriously injured patient is closer to a facility with no surgical services but a facility with surgical services (though not a Trauma Center) is not a lot farther away – the fifth involved two patients transported to SPH from an outlying facility with questions about timeliness of procedures and transport as well as medication administration – the sixth was the bus crash last Sunday and a couple other vehicular crashes in the area that led to over 30 patients being transported to SPH and CMC. Tracy Jasnicki, Trauma Coordinator at CMC participated in this review. Each facility is having its own internal review and there is a county-wide review scheduled for next week. All in all, those involved were very pleased with the multi-agency response. All agencies can be expected to find areas in need of improvement and will report back to future meetings. There will be a panel discussion of the response at the Spring Fever Trauma Conference April 14. Missoula County will have a full review on Tuesday 1/17, 3PM at MESI – all are welcome to attend.

New Business:

- Dr. Raiser needs to step down from Chair position – need nominations for replacement – defer to April meeting – hoping someone will step forward and volunteer – if not, may need to designate chair on a rotating basis – Please talk to your Medical Directors and try to get them to participate in these meetings.
- Krissy Lowery has changed positions, is now working as the Trauma Coordinator at St Peter's in Helena – need replacement RTAC Secretary – Tracy Jasnicki volunteered starting at next meeting. Thanks Tracy.

Old Business:

Advanced Airway study – Presentation will be given at Spring Fever – April 14th.

State Report:

- Comparison of oral anticoagulants and antiplatelets – see handout
- ATLS – 2012 – Still have openings – please contact Gayle at ghatch@mt.gov
March 2/3 Great Falls - March 30/31 Billings - May 18/19 Missoula - November 2/3 Billings
Still looking at online course for didactic portion of the training.
- STCC for 2012: February 15th, May 9th, August 8th, November 14th

- Injury Prevention – teleconference meeting – January 19th 1:00 – 2:30 – if interested please contact Bobbi Perkins at bperkins@mt.gov
- Systems Conference Sept 12th in Bozeman
- RMRTS - 25th annual - Sept 13 & 14 in Bozeman
- Webex conference for Trauma Coordinators February 14th – topics: Peer review, ERTAC Geriatric module, clinical issues.
- Web based Collector system for smaller facilities – funds have been secured – contract negotiations are taking place, looking for “Master Trainers” as resources, format should be obtained in Feb/March to initiate installation - Instructions and training will begin in April.
- Site surveys:
 - Re-designation visits: Wolf Point, Poplar, Malta, Plains, Deer Lodge and Anaconda
 - New designations: Choteau, Shelby, and Forsyth
 - New site reviews: Columbus and Hardin
 - “On deck”: Havre
 - Re-designations due first quarter this year: Dillon, Whitefish, Superior and Kalispell
 - Community Medical Center re-designated after review on November 2

Preparedness:

- BDLS – March 20, 22, 27 and 29th online
- ADLS at Fairmont Hot Springs June 1st and 2nd

EMS For Children:

- Transfer guidelines have been updated
- Review of how we care for our children

EMS Patient Care Reports:

- Any dispatched call should be documented (refusals, cancelled en route, non transports, deceased at scene, extricating, transporting bodies)
- Drop sheets are not a substitute for patient care report
- New POLST forms available at EMSTS

Preventable Mortality Study:

- To date cases 448
- Looking for opportunities to improve care

Western WRTAC Trauma Registry Data Reviewed

Emergency Care Committee: Working to organize priorities, hoping to pare list down to 10 this spring

Committee Reports:

Education and Finance

- We have \$1600.00 in account, no expenses to report
- SPH held TNCC in November
- Spring Fever will be Saturday April 14th at the Hilton Garden Inn Conference Center in Missoula

RN Meeting

- Review of Designation visits – good points to pass on to others getting ready to go through review
- Discussion about having a standardized regional trauma flowsheet – not necessary at this time, Jennie to post more options on the website, maybe a flow sheet for smaller facilities at a later date – John Bleicher will update and distribute his document on a minimum data set recommended for a flowsheet
- North Dakota trauma manual – great manual, Jennie will personalize it for Montana and make available for all that wish to use it. You can print off posters and current manual on the ND website at <https://www.ndhealth.gov/trauma/>

Medical Directors and EMS:

- Looking for new chair – may be beneficial to be separate obligation from regular meeting chair
- Recommending cutting meeting to 1 hour – EMS to get 1 hour CE and keep education portion of the meeting
- Brief review of bus crash multi-agency response
- New air transport service – Summit Air Ambulance out of Bozeman/Belgrade area
- Backboard placement in field – EMS getting flack for patients sometimes not being back boarded – group recommends ED staff ask why as there may be a good reason

Planned Area Trauma Updates:

- Marcus Daly – Settling down after several position changes – getting better with documentation
- CMC – Reviewing bus crash
- CareFlight – Now Air Methods which should enable them to perform night searches. Howard Polden has resigned, they are now recruiting a new base supervisor
- Superior Ambulance- Looking for a Medical Director
- SPH – Outlying EMS services, please look in our garage for any equipment
- NVH – Ski Patrol is being recognized as QRU and getting ALS training
- KRH – Blacktail ski patrol is also QRU and getting ALS training, Getting ready for verification/designation review in February
- DL – New hospital-new name – now Deer Lodge Medical Center - increasing staff development and getting settled after Krissy resigned
- BMH – Moving into new hospital in June – When rendezvousing with other transport services they need a contract for proper reimbursement
- MCH – Interesting review from listening to the bus wreck – how would they handle the same situation there
- Life Flight – Received full accreditation from CAMTS site survey
- Megan – SPH – outreach education going well, please let her know of any of your education needs at mehamilton@saintpatrick.org
- GCMC – Stabilizing staff - working to develop faster transport times
- SJH- undergoing their 2nd version of an EMR – going with EPIC – Working on integrating EMR and trauma records – most facilities staying with paper for trauma – Helping DL with PI and peer review processes

Next Meeting April 13th at St. Pats